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THRILLING WRECK IN MID OCEAN

CAPTAIN WENT DOWN WITH SINKING SHIP

Awful Sufferings of Survivors of Barque Germanic--Boat With Eight Men Missing.

New York, Jan. 3.—Seven shipwrecked sailors, believed to be the only survivors of the crew of sixteen of the Norwegian barque Germanic, were brought here to-day by the oil tank steamer Hotham Newton.

They were picked up in mid-ocean on December 17th in a terrible condition from exposure, eight days after their vessel had been abandoned. Another boat which contained eight men has not been found. The captain of the barque, who remained on board until all the men found places in the small boats, did not have time to save himself, and went down with his ship.

The seven men who were rescued tell a story of fearful suffering before they were picked up by the Newton. Obliged to leave their sinking ship in the midst of a storm which had twisted and opened the seams of the big barque, until she was unseaworthy, their little boat was tossed helplessly about by the waves. The scant store of provisions which they had succeeded in getting together was in constant danger of being ruined by salt water, and their cask of drinking water became tainted.

For many days they had nothing to drink, but rain which they caught in tarpaulins and squeezed out of their wet clothing. The supply of food became exhausted after seven days, and the men had been entirely without food for more than 24 hours, when they were picked up by the steamer.

They were in a terrible condition when taken on board the Newton. Their bodies were covered with sores from the constant contact of salt spray, and they were so weak from exhaustion and lack of nourishment they were scarcely able to stand.

It was several hours after they had been taken on board before they were able to walk, or tell their story. From their story it appears that the Germanic had bad luck from Nov. 23rd when she sailed from Weymouth, N. S., for Fleetwood, England, until she went down in mid-ocean on Dec. 9th.

The barque ran into a gale soon after leaving Weymouth and the wind increased until it was blowing with hurricane force. Battered about by the tremendous seas and buffeted by the fierce wind, the Germanic sprung a leak, her decks were burst open, the cabins washed away, and she became completely waterlogged.

When it was seen that she could not long remain afloat, the order to take to the small boats was given. There was scarcely time to stock the boats with food and water and for the men to clamber into the two boats. In one of the boats were eight and in the other seven, the captain remaining on board until all the men had found places in the boats. Then as he was about to step aboard, the barque gave a lurch, and went down carrying her captain with her. His body was picked up later by the boat crew, which was rescued by the Gothic Newton.

The two boats kept within sight of each other for several hours, after leaving the barque, but during the first night, they became separated. The fate of the second boat which contained eight members of the crew is not known.

MACEDONIAN SITUATION.

Powers May Demonstrate Against Turkey to Make Her Accept Collective Note.

Rome, Jan. 3.—Negotiations were going on among the powers concerned regarding the refusal of Turkey to accept the collective note of the powers in the matter of the proposed judicial and financial reforms for Macedonia. The suggestion has been made that it is better to induce Turkey to submit it would be well to bring about a joint naval demonstration against her.

General de Giorgis, who for some years past has been commander of the international gendarmerie in Macedonia, has returned to Rome. As he desires to resume his duty in the Italian army it is possible he will not return to Turkey. The general to-day had an interview with Foreign Minister Tittoni, at which the situation in Macedonia was discussed.

WANTS ALCOHOL USED.
Why John D. Rockefeller's Daughter
Refused to Patronize Chicago
Hospital.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Harold McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, refused yesterday to act as patroness at a benefit of the Frances Willard hospital, the cause being, she wrote to the board of trustees, she did not feel wholly in sympathy with a hospital which did not permit the use of alcohol under a doctor's prescription.

The entertainment has been postponed because, it is said, of Mrs. McCormick's position.

A statement issued on behalf of the hospital says: "Glycerine and ether are used as stimulants after operations instead of alcohol at the Frances Willard hospital. The alcohol rub-down has even been done away with, its being use as a substitute." Medical authorities seem to agree that alcohol is harmful in medical practice.

MOUNT ROYAL MAY HAVE FOUNDRED

FOUR HUNDRED LIVES HANG IN BALANCE

C. P. R. Officials Abandon Hope-- Vessel 16 Days Overdue at St. John From Antwerp

Toronto, Jan. 3.—C. P. R. officials have given up hope of the steamer Mount Royal, overdue at St. John from Antwerp, with four hundred passengers and crew.

Sixteen Days Overdue.
The Mount Royal left Antwerp on December 5th and was due at St. John on December 18th. Since leaving, the steamship has, undoubtedly, experienced terrific storms, as liners arriving at the eastern seaports during the last month have reported exceptionally severe weather on the north Atlantic, some of the crack greyhounds having been delayed.

Although seventeen days overdue, an exceptionally long time for an ocean liner, there is a possibility that the steamship is yet afloat, but unable to make any progress through a breakdown of her machinery. Even in this case the gravest fears must be entertained for her, as left a hopeless derrick by such an accident, there is small hope of the vessel weathering the recent storms. In any event the provisions provided for the usual three weeks' emergencies, cannot last long with such a large complement of passengers, and the same may be said of the water supply.

Replaced Wrecked Steamer.

If the Mount Royal has not foundered, she has at least been carried off the usual trade routes as no vessel has yet reported sighting her. The steamship, after lying up at the London docks for several weeks, was put on the Antwerp and St. John run to replace the wrecked liner Mount Temple. She was in command of Capt. Purcell, a careful and competent navigator.

Single Screw Vessel.
Unlike the later steamships of the C. P. fleet, the Mount Royal has only a single screw and, in the event of her shaft being broken or a similar occurrence, would be quite unmanageable. She is a vessel of 8,347 tons gross and 4,596 tons register, and was built by Swan & Hunter, Newcastle, in 1898 for the Elder Dempster Steamship Company, which afterwards sold her to the Canadian Pacific Company, when the latter concern inaugurated its Atlantic service. She has two decks and a shelter deck and four masts. Her engines are triple expansion with a cylinder 28 inches by 48 inches by 15 inches and a stroke of 54 inches. They develop 5,000 horse power under natural draught. The dimensions of the steamship are length over all, 470 feet, beam, 56 feet, depth, 32 feet.

NIGHT-RAIDERS IN
TOBACCO WAR

Warehouses Dynamited and Burned in Russelville, Kentucky---

Two Reported Injured

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 3.—A long distance telephone message to the American from Russelville, Ky., says that night raiders visited that town at 12:45 o'clock this (Friday) morning.

The tobacco warehouse of F. G. Work & Company and the American Snuff Company, were dynamited and burned.

The planing mill of Roberts & Brown and three other smaller houses were more or less damaged. Many shots were fired, and it is reported that two men, one of them a commercial traveller, were wounded, but this is not confirmed.

There were between 50 and 75 masked men in the party, and they were in Russelville about an hour. The Louisville and Nashville depot was threatened by the flames, but escaped. The attack was unexpected.

FIREWORKS EXPLOSION.

Two Women Killed and One Badly
Burned in Rochester Disaster.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 3.—In an explosion that wrecked a building of the Rochester Fireworks Company yesterday, one young woman, Sadie Erns, 20 years old, was instantly killed, a second, Mrs. Lillian O'Connor, 28 years old and recently married, was so badly injured that she died at the hospital a short time after, and a third, May Calligan, was seriously burned, but is expected to recover. One of those that escaped was blown through a window, but was little injured. The cause of the explosion is yet unknown.

MAN AND WIFE KILLED.

Train Ran Into Carriage at Beause Juction With Fatal Results.

Quebec, Jan. 3.—The news comes of a terrible railway accident at Beause Juction, where a carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. Jean Coulthier was run into by a Quebec Central train, and both man and wife were instantly killed. They were also accompanied by their ten-year-old daughter, but she escaped uninjured.

The party were going to spend New Year's day at the residence of a friend when the terrible accident befell them.

EDMONTON CUSTOMS.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 3.—The customs returns for Edmonton show an increase of over 20 per cent. The returns were in 1906 \$155,072.56, in 1907 \$264,390.31,

Wanted: A Progressive Council for 1908.

One week from Monday (the 13th) the candidates for Mayor, Aldermen and School Trustees will be formally nominated.

The Times has repeatedly appealed to the Electors to interest themselves sufficiently in the matter to ensure that in every ward of the city there will be the opportunity of selecting two good men for public duty as Aldermen.

Already there are encouraging signs. Within the last forty-eight hours the names of several men have been mentioned who if they will offer themselves will be sure of election and will do credit to the city. Their success in business has been such as to constitute a guarantee that civic affairs will be dealt with by them with intelligence and dispatch.

Several of these have been approached, and it is one of the encouraging signs of the times that one gentleman who cannot afford to his private affairs the time which this public duty involves hesitated about refusing because he was anxious to have a neighbor a candidate, and would do nothing which might deter his friend, who also is a busy man, from running.

This is the right spirit. It should pervade every section of the city. There may be before nomination day a healthy spirit of rivalry between the various wards as to which may offer the most creditable candidates. Civic pride, often a lethargic thing to arouse, is a potent—almost an irresistible—force when once it becomes active.

One week remains to get out good men. Not a day should be lost by all desirous of a wide-awake, progressive government at the City Hall this year.

ANTI-SUICIDE BUREAU.

Over 300 Sought Assistance of Chicago
Branch During Past Year.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 3.—The Chicago anti-suicide bureau of the Salvation Army issued a report yesterday of the cases handled and suicides prevented since the establishing of the bureau six months ago. In that time 33 persons have sought the assistance offered by the bureau and of that number it is estimated that 80 per cent. have been saved from self destruction.

A significant fact is that the overwhelming number of those who applied to the bureau were men. Only 65 women availed themselves of the help. The most prolific causes of men desiring to commit suicide are domestic unhappiness, lack of employment, drunkenness and gambling. The reasons given most frequently by the women were desertion, sickness, and lack of work.

H. M. S. sloop of war Shearwater which is now stationed at Esquimalt has received orders from the British Admiralty to proceed to Iquique, Chile, on the west coast of South America and to await further instructions there. Her mission is not stated in the brief dispatch that was received at the Navy yard, and among the Esquimalt officials conjecture is rife as to the reason of this move.

The date of the Shearwater's departure has been fixed for the 23rd January, and steaming at an average speed of 11 or 12 knots an hour she should make Iquique some time towards the end of February. It is unlikely that she will make more than one stop on the way to code. It is significant that the arrival in the South American port will be contemporary with the appearance of the U. S. Pacific-bound war fleet in that latitude. The U. S. Atlantic fleet is expected to make Iquique about the beginning of March and to reach Magdalena Bay where it will carry out manoeuvres about March 23rd.

The order from the British Admiralty reached Esquimalt on Monday last. At the time the Shearwater had just left for Vancouver and the message was sent there to intercept her. She returned to Esquimalt on Wednesday and will immediately start to take on stores for her long voyage. The duration of her trip south has been credited with the Admiralty to be six months, and she will carry her full complement of men, namely 103.

In connection with the present trip of the Shearwater, it is interesting to note that in January last year, she was ordered to proceed to the Galapagos Islands to inquire into a state of slavery in which it was said British West Indian subjects were being held by South American taskmasters. She returned there early in the spring and found that the tales of bondage had been in every way exaggerated. The full story of how the West Indians came aboard the war sloop and went on their knees to Commander Allgood, how they begged and prayed to be taken to their home, the stories which they told of how they were put on a beggarly pittance of bread and water, and made eke out a miserable existence, and whenever they rebelled, punished being placed in a guard house in chains, was recapitulated exclusively in the Times on the return of the Shearwater to this port, after her cruise of mercy. The tales of these West Indians were placed on record as fact, for when the Shearwater hove in sight of the Galapagos Islands, the governor of those regions—an Ecuadorian general—had been deposed and when an armed body of bluejackets from the Shearwater captured him they were unable to locate any trace of him, and the conjecture at the time was that he had fled towards the South American coast immediately that the British war sloop was reported in sight. There is every reason to believe that this was the case, as when the sloop was coming towards the island she saw a vessel steaming away in the distance towards the South American coast, and it is thought that on board was the Governor of the Galapagos Islands, who feared condign punishment for his treatment of British subjects.

The details of this slavery was reported in full to the British Admiralty by Commander Allgood of the Shearwater. Subsequently the question was raised in the Imperial House of Commons when a member asked Sir Edward Grey what steps were being taken to put an end to this state of bondage. The foreign secretary replied that the matter was under consideration and that one fine damage in order to be able to prove the deliberate character of the attack.

Asked about the report published by the Journal, that his engagement to Miss Anna Gould, would be announced in a few days, and that the marriage would follow in Germany, Prince Helle replied that the public should be satisfied with the denials issued by Miss Gould and himself. As Miss Gould's divorce only becomes definite at the end of three months, any marriage now is impossible, the Prince said, and it would hardly be likely in any event that Miss Gould would marry before a year had elapsed.

Then after a pause, the Prince added, smiling: "At the end of that time, I do not know what may happen."

Continuing the Prince spoke frankly of the friendship that had existed between himself and the Count and Countess de Castellane, and his frequent visits to their residence. The men formerly were great friends, Prince Helle having organized the famous fairy-fete in the Bois Du Boulogne with which Count Boni and his bride made their bow to Paris society. This fete cost a fabulous sum, and was the talk of Paris for months.

Count Boni is ten years younger than Prince Helle and considerably smaller in stature. Both men are good sportsmen.

As far as can be gathered this has not yet been done, and no information can be gleaned as to whether the state of slavery has been in any way lessened or mitigated. This fact has been coupled with the present order to the Shearwater and would suggest that her coming trip is not altogether unconnected with the Galapagos Islands. In fact it is stated by a local naval authority that the war sloop will again proceed to the Galapagos Islands to ascertain if the conditions of slavery under which British subjects were held still exists.

The more belligerent opinion on the nature of the Shearwater's new mission is that she will meet the U. S. war fleet and make observations on its general appearance and seaworthiness after the 10,000 miles voyage round the Horn. It is certainly significant that she will meet the Atlantic fleet at Iquique, arriving there at about the same time.

For some time past the British Admiralty has observed a policy of strict secrecy with regard to all its movements and hence the amount of conjecture which is rife. The present order to the Shearwater. No indication of affairs in the Chilean state could account for the presence of a British war ship there. True, there has been a nitrate strike in progress in which 10,000 men have been repressed.

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SHEARWATER IS GOING SOUTH

SLOOP OF WAR WILL LEAVE THIS MONTH

She Will Arrive at Iquique About Time United States Squadron Reaches There.

COURT BONI AGAIN IN PUBLIC EYE

HIS ENCOUNTER WITH PRINCE HELIE DE SAGAN

Royal Scion to Take Action for Criminal Assaut--Will Not Fight Duel.

POWER'S CASE.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 3.—A telephone message from Georgetown at 11 a.m. stated that the jury in the Power's case had reported to the court that they could not agree. The judge, however, sent the twelve men back to their room with instructions to deliberate further.

MANAGER ORDERED BOGUS ENTRIES

Sensational Confession Made by Book-keeper of Defunct Cal- ifornia Trust Company

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 3.—Another sensational chapter was added to the California Safe Deposit & Trust Company scandal yesterday. H. L. Storrs, one of the bookkeepers of the concern, broke down under a merciless cross-examination and confessed that the false entries in the books were in his hand writing and had been made under orders of J. Dasey Brown, the imprisoned manager of the bank, and J. D. Robertson, the fugitive assistant secretary.

POINTER'S CASE.

Rioting in City of Muncie, Delaware, Will Be Repressed With Iron Hand.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 3.—Governor Hanley, through his representative, Adjutant-General Perry, last night issued an ultimatum to the county of Delaware, City of Muncie, declaring that if there is further rioting over the strike situation in Muncie, to-day 2,000 state troops will be on the scene before nightfall.

INTIMIDATING STRIKERS.

Train and Tram Collide.

Electric Car Cut in Two at Ottawa— Fall on Man, Killing Him.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—A Canadian Pacific freight train on the Ottawa and St. Lawrence railway collided with an Ottawa electric car on St. Patrick street near new Edinburgh, cutting the street car in two. Although several people were in the street car, only one woman was injured, and the motorman received a scalp wound.

Train car fell on August Waunk, who was working in a drain alongside the street and killed him. He was 60 years of age and leaves a widow and family.

MORE JAPS COMING.

Large Numbers It is Reported Will Leave Honolulu For This Coast.

(Special to the Times.)

MAN KILLED AND EATEN BY WOLVES

Few Hairs, Gun, and Seven Dead Beasts Mark Scene of Sask- atchewan Tragedy.

Saddle Lake, Sask., Jan. 3.—Word has reached here from St. Vincent that a man was killed and eaten by wolves at a point 40 miles south of that place.

KILLED BY HORSE'S KICK.

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 3.—Wm. Bell, a young Englishman aged 20, who has been working on a farm for T. Binks, Alberough, is dead from a kick on the head from a horse.

TO DEPORT BULGARIANS.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 3.—Forty-five Bulgarians have been rounded up in the east end by the immigration authorities and will be taken to St. John, N.B., for deportation.

Some half-breeds from St. Paul Demers have gone to try and identify the victim if possible. The point where the tragedy occurred is just north of Beaver river, and about 40 miles east of Lac La Biche.

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THE FIRST FRUITS
OF THE LEAP YEAR

Bride Asserted Father Peculiar Rights
at the Russell Station This
Morning

At Russell Station this morning, just before the north bound passenger train pulled in from the city station a peculiar scene was enacted. Spectators are still endeavoring to work out a satisfactory sequel to what they saw this morning.

A little before the appointed time for the train to arrive a hack drove up with a bride and groom. The party alighted and awaited the coming of the express which was to carry them on their honeymoon trip. To the spectators, the bride appeared to be not at all together at ease and her subsequent actions showed that although the wedding had taken place only a few days previous that she had changed her mind and was determined to exercise rather advanced prerogatives of the leap year.

After a brief conversation with her husband she withdrew, going in the direction of Fairall's building. Taking advantage of the screen thus afforded the bride made fast time from the scene.

Suspicion was aroused on the part of the groom as the train approached the station. A hurried search was made for the bride but without success. As the train pulled out of Russell Station the man took his place in the cab and drove back to the city alone.

Prisoner From Australia Is Held for
Another Week in City Lock-up.

Antonio Lechavallo was again remanded this morning for a week on the same bail as before, awaiting the arrival of a writ and other information from Australia. The man who is an Italian is wanted in Australia for having run away with his own children whom he got out of a convent by alleged false pretences. The telegram on which he is held, however, states that he is wanted for desertion.

In order to get further information, J. A. Alkman wired to Ernest Abegail, Sydney, Australia, who is acting for Lechavallo and received in reply the following: "Divorce proceedings pending. No jurisdiction wife desertion."

Mr. Alkman, in asking for a reduction of the amount of bail, stated that his client had given his wife the biggest half of the furniture including the piano, and also money to the amount of \$100 1/2s, as her share of the business which they had sold. He contended that the telegrams showed the prime object of the prosecution to be to obtain possession of the children. Further he held that the present case was an abuse of the Fugitive Offenders Act. There was now in court a cousin of the accused who with him would go bail to the extent of one thousand dollars, and he therefore asked that the bail be reduced to that amount.

Magistrate Jay said he could not see anything in the case which would cause him to change his decision.

Counsel then warned the court that it was his intention to remove the children to San Francisco where they would be outside of the jurisdiction of the court.

COURT OF REVISION.

Routine Work Occupying the Attention
of Members Throughout the Day.

The court of revision has been sitting all day in the committee room of the city hall for the purpose of adjudicating on the names to which exception has been taken. The Mayor presided and there were with him Aldermen Hall and Fullerton. Clerk Dowler took notes on behalf of the city and Wm. Seaworth had charge of the tax lists. On behalf of the Property Owners' Association, Frank Higgins took objection to the admission of about four hundred women who have paid no taxes. The names of all those who have not paid are being reserved until the end when the case will be argued and a decision arrived at. It will probably take till Monday to go through the list.

OCEAN ECLIPSE TO-DAY.

In Mid-Pacific the Sun Was Obscured
From Sight This Morning.

What is known as an ocean eclipse of the sun took place this morning. The total phase was only visible in mid-Pacific and hence the derivation of the name "Ocean Eclipse." The happening was, however, visible as a partial eclipse in the N. E. of Australia, New Guinea, and in the southern parts of the United States and Central America, and as far down as the northwest of South America.

In astronomical circles the happening had been looked forward to with interest for some time past, and an expedition composed of London astronomers set sail from Australia about a week ago in order to see the total phase from some point in the Pacific. There was little indication of anything unusual happening in Victoria, but it was unlikely that the eclipse could have been even partially seen here, had the sky been unclouded.

WANTS GRANT OF \$7,000.

Canadian Trooper Who Fought in South Africa Lost His Sight.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association was held in the Governor-General's office in-day to consider the request for a grant of \$7,000 to Trooper Mulley, who lost his sight in South Africa, the money to go towards the expense of a post graduate course which Mulley is now taking at Oxford University. The executive felt it unable to make the grant, but the delegation will wait on the Dominion cabinet to make a grant from the Dominion Treasury to Mulley for the purpose.

C. H. Wilson is leaving on Sunday for Harrison Hot Springs, where he will spend some time taking the water.

MURDERED ON
EVE OF WEDDING

Father of Fiancee Takes Summary
Vengeance Because Groom
Altered Plans.

Dillon, Mont., Jan. 2.—An attempt to suddenly alter wedding plans here resulted, last evening in the death of the prospective bridegroom at the hands of his fiancée's father.

The man slain was E. A. Lawrence of Butte who was to have married the 19-year-old daughter of Fred Baker. A few minutes before the hour set for the wedding Baker and Lawrence had some trivial difference whereupon Lawrence told Justice of the Peace Rich who was to tie the knot, that the wedding would not take place at the home of Mrs. Frank Lawyer her cousin. Lawrence turned to re-enter the Baker home and was instantly shot dead by Baker.

POST OFFICE BUILDING.

Plans Have Been Prepared Looking to
Enlarging of the Premises.

In view of the congestion which is now being felt in the postal and customs department, coincident with the increase in the city's population and business, the Ottawa authorities of the public works department will shortly be asked to consider a request for additional accommodation.

A movement is on foot among the local officials to ask for a change in the post office building, which will double the capacity of both customs and postal departments, the projected addition to be made by covering in the court yard and dividing it into two portions. It is proposed to roof the yard and to build a strong wall on the Wharf street side with windows for lighting purposes. A partition across this room would separate the two departments, and the back wall of the post office would be partly removed to connect the new accommodation with the present room.

Plans of the projected changes have been prepared, and it is expected they will be carried out at an early date.

"EVENEMENT" FINED.

Paper Convicted of Uttering Libellous Statements About Gouin Cabinet.

Quebec, Jan. 3.—An important judgment was rendered this morning by Judge Lemieux in the case of Premier Gouin against the "Evenement" for libellous articles published in that paper last February. The damages claimed were \$400, while there were also claims made by several members of the Gouin cabinet.

Judge Lemieux declared that the articles were published maliciously and in bad faith. In the Gouin case the fine was \$50 and costs, and in the case of the ministers \$25 and costs.

The "Evenement" in the articles complained of called Gouin and the cabinet a lot of fools.

C. P. R. TRAIN WRECKED.

Ontario Lady Killed When Cars Were
Derailed Near Chapple—Many
Injured.

North Bay, Ont., Jan. 2.—A broken rail caused an eastbound C. P. R. express to leave the rails between Chapple and Cartier this morning. A colt and car and coach were overturned. Mrs. Slaven, of Lindsay, Ont., was killed and a score more or less injured. Among the injured are the following passengers: Alex Ross, Durdurn, Sask., lost his right hand; Lewis Hartle, Deloraine, Man., head cut; Robert Matthews, Moosejaw, back injured.

DUMPING AMERICAN GOODS.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association will make another strong protest to the Dominion government against the reckless dumping of American goods on the Canadian market.

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.

Quebec, Jan. 3.—Quebec legislature has been called to meet on Tuesday, March 3rd.

The friends of Calvary Baptist Sunday school are cordially invited to attend the annual celebration in Victoria hall to-night. The programme begins promptly at 8 o'clock.

J. R. Robins, the expressman who was remanded a few days ago on a charge of driving at night without lights, did not appear this morning, and was fined \$5, to be levied by distress in case of default, or failing this five days' imprisonment.

Ten dollars payable at once or one week in the lock-up was the punishment meted out to William Atkinson, an eighteen-year-old lad for assaulting a Chinaman, Won Ki Ho, outside his restaurant on Fisguard street a few days ago. He was remanded for three days in order that he might have an opportunity of securing witnesses to prove that he was not in the restaurant at all as alleged.

There will be the usual 10 cent children's Saturday matinee at the New Grand to-morrow afternoon, the programme including Rhonda, the wandering violinist; St. Orige Bros., comedy bicyclists; Nan Ryan and company, in a medley of the latest singing and dancing hits; Gracey and Burnett, in the comedy sketch "Rehearsal"; Richard Harding, black face comedian; T. J. Price, in "Illustrated song"; good moving pictures, and the Oberon overture by the orchestra.

EXPLOSIVE SKYSHIPS.

Professor Barnes, of Brown University, recommends explosive power for skyships, some sort of high explosive particularly those which can be worked up into wicks and ribbons. He proposes obtaining a continuity of power values from nitrogen explosives by using cold storage.

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ble for rioting, and it is just possible that British interests may in some manner have been endangered. Beyond these conjectures, however, it is impossible to make any definite pronouncement as to the present mission of the war sloop until such time as either the Admiralty wishes its plans to become known, or journalistic enterprise succeeds in determining a solution.

During the absence of the Shearwater it is believed that the sloop of war Algerine, which has been ordered here from Chinese waters, will arrive at Esquimalt. For the past eighteen months the Algerine has been out of commission. Early in March she will be refitted and dispatched here and is expected to make this port sometime in June. She is a vessel almost identical with the Shearwater, carrying exactly the same complement of men, namely 102. Her complement is 102 knots. A couple of years ago she was attached to the China squadron in the capacity of war sloop, but what her mission will be in those waters is not yet known.

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Transport Ran Ashore Near Casa Blanca—Troops and Horses Safely Disembarked.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Official advice received here from Admiral Philibert, the French naval commander in Moroccan waters, reports that French troops captured yesterday the citadel of the Mequinez tribe with the loss of one man killed and three wounded.

The transport Nive, with reinforcements on board, went ashore during a storm at a point five miles south of Casa Blanca. The troops and horses on board were safely disembarked. The cruiser Desaix went to the relief of the transport.

MARTYR OF SCIENCE.

Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Veterinary Director, Too Ill to Travel.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Dr. J. G. Rutherford, veterinary director general and live stock commissioner for the Dominion, is too ill to avail himself of six months' leave of absence recently granted him to travel. It is understood Dr. Rutherford's illness is due to his zeal in safeguarding the health of Canadian live stock. He is, in fact, a martyr in the cause of the science of which he is said to be one of the first living exponents.

TWELVE PERSONS POISONED.

Man, Wife and Three Children Dying After Eating Cheese.

Wharton, Ohio, Jan. 3.—A dozen persons were poisoned here to-day by eating cheese. Clarence Bell, his wife and three children are dying. The others poisoned are Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Crider and two children and the family of L. J. Long.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—The return of the Winnipeg clearing house for the week ending January 2nd, 1908, were \$10,747.11. The corresponding week of 1907 was \$12,512.12.

SHOT ON EVE OF ELECTION.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 2.—Ford Gaines, a candidate for Mayor, was shot down on the street to-day by a negro on the eve of the municipal election.

J. E. SMART,
Secretary-Treasurer.

**DOUMA SOCIALISTS
TO STAND TRIAL****ACCUSED MEMBER OF
SECRET ORGANIZATION**

Veterans of Revolution Liable to Penalty of Servitude for Eight Years.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—Indictments were returned in this city to-day against all the members of the executive committee of the popular Socialist party, and their trial before the court of appeals will begin shortly.

The accused men belong to the intellectual section of the Social revolutionists. They are mostly veterans of the revolutionary struggle, who withdrew from the Social Revolutionary party in order to participate in the elections to the third Douma. Among them are M. Agnenky, who in 1905 was exiled on account of his political activity, Ivan Mikotkin, the well known Russian author, who shared Maxim Gorky's imprisonment in a fortress in 1905; M. Lutugins, the organizer and the first president of the League of Leagues, which co-operated with the labor organization during the era of strikes which preceded the issuance of the October manifesto, and several prominent attorneys.

The men are accused of being members of a secret organization which aimed to overthrow the government. The penalty on this charge may be servitude for eight years. The case has the same general features as the trial of the Social Democratic members of the Douma, and that of the former deputies who signed the Viborg manifesto. The Social Revolutionary organization is the only radical political party which has not already been brought to the bar.

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THE WATER ISSUE.

Engineer Adams's complete report on the water question which has now been received, is a very interesting document. It is not at all technical in its terms, and ought to be considered very carefully by every resident of Victoria. Mr. Adams, after dealing in detail with all the sources of water supply available, estimating their capacity, their advantages or disadvantages as the case may be, and their cost to the ratepayers, sums up his findings in the following recommendation:

"Without enumerating other disadvantages of a city incurring debt far in advance of its needs, the above figures make indisputably clear the wisdom of continuing Elk Lake as the source and making such steps as future opportunity may offer for the acquisition of other sources from which a supply may be drawn, when Elk Lake shall have become no longer sufficient for the city's needs. The choice of other sources is entirely a matter of cost. If the use of Goldstream can be secured by acquisition of the property of the Esquimalt Water Company at a reasonable price, it presents advantages as to capacity and moderate distance and cost of development, while the revenue derived from the sale of power would, in whole or in part (dependent on price paid), render the investment self-supporting during the interval elapsing before it is really needed for municipal water supply purposes."

FUNCTIONS OF THE NAVY.

Trouble is brewing again in the little republic of Honduras, North America. It is reported that H. M. S. Shearwater has been ordered south, whether to protect British interests in case of the people of Honduras indulging in a characteristic Latin American revolution or just on a cruise of convenience we do not know. Whether the Shearwater is of the type of war vessel to worthily represent the British Empire or to protect the interests of British subjects in case of an outbreak it is not for us to say. Nor shall we comment upon the apparent necessity of the British government maintaining a squadron suitable to any possible exigencies on the west coast of America. It is possible that the unwritten understanding between Great Britain and the United States will prove sufficient for any crisis. At the same time persons jealous for the honor of the British name, British traditions and British prestige will surely point out that British subjects ought not to be called upon to look to the United States for protection except under exceptional or unforeseen circumstances. But it is incumbent upon all concerned, and especially those who may be disposed to criticize, to remember that the Lords of the Admiralty may be presumed to know their business. If their disposition of a navy which is more than equal to the navies of any two combined powers is based upon the presumption that contingencies may occur, although they seem to the people lacking a full understanding to be very remote, which may require the presence of practically the whole of the fleet in any certain waters, we must duly defer to their judgment, while regretting that the day appears to be past when the functions of the navy, except in times of extremity, was to safeguard the interests of British subjects in all parts of the world.

Douglas Jerrold, printer, wit and humorist, once one of the most brilliant of Punch's staff, was born in London one hundred and five years ago. Jerrold in his time was associated with some of the most brilliant literary men. Great Britain has ever known, including Dickens and Thackeray. In the light shed by these figures, accepting the estimate of the expert that the present source of supply can be made sufficient for a city practically of twice the present population of Victoria, remembering that most people are averse to unnecessary burdens of taxation, putting aside all considerations of an extraneous character, is it not evident that the only reasonable course to pursue is to support the by-law?

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THE OBJECTIONABLE WATER METER.

We confess there are some recommendations in Expert Adams's report of which we do not approve. We have no doubt the engineer has given us the best possible advice under the peculiar circumstances of the case, but there are certain features of his recommendation which do not appear to fit harmoniously with the general physical circumstances of Victoria. For example, it is interesting to be told that on the estimate of the number of water services installed, the present population of Victoria is about thirty thousand. Accepting that estimate as approximately correct, the total population of what is practically Victoria must be considerably in excess of that figure—two or three thousand more, we should say.

Mr. Adams recommends the installation of meters upon every water service, irrespective of conditions. We hate to think of the appearance of the gardens of Victoria, the pride of every citizen and the envy of all who are not citizens, should these recommendations be carried out in their entirety.

As far as the metering system has already been adopted, it has had a very disappointing effect—to those who take a pride in green lawns and luxuriant flower beds. This we know from the experience of the past summer. Of course Mr. Adams could not be expected to take such possibilities into consideration. It is his business to present the case from its practical, utilitarian, professional aspect—to suggest the adoption of such measures as will "make the water go 'round" doing out to each householder just so much as he requires for his daily necessities. We have been consuming, it appears, about eighty-five Imperial gallons of water per diem. The consumption ought to be reduced to fifty Imperial gallons with the complete installation of meters. We know what the effect upon the appearance of the city has been under the maximum consumption allowed. We are constrained to wonder what it will be when that consumption is reduced to the minimum.

What we cannot understand is the necessity of the general introduction of meters in view of Mr. Adams's estimate of the capacity of Elk Lake, which are recommended to adhere to for the next twenty or twenty-five years. If there is sufficient water gathered there annually to supply a city of twice the present population of Victoria, whence the necessity of the general installation of meters? Would it not be better for all concerned, physically, morally and aesthetically, to permit the excess of water over actual requirements to be used for irrigation purposes rather than have it run to waste over the dams of the reservoirs?

Possibly the Mayor, who is an enthusiastic advocate of the Elk Lake scheme, and the majority of the aldermen who now share his views, can enlighten us with reference to the policy they intend to pursue. We should dearly like to hear what they have to say upon the subject. If they can throw any light upon the matter, such an illumination might have the effect of reconciling many to the present system, notwithstanding its obvious imperfections and considering what might be accomplished by going elsewhere if financial conditions would permit.

FUNCTIONS OF THE NAVY.

To the Editor:—In the first part of the above summary of the situation, there would appear to be but one course for the ratepayers to pursue. They ought to mark their ballots for the by-law. We have engaged an expert to advise us. We cannot do otherwise than follow his advice, unless in our wisdom we decide that the council was not justified in engaging him and purpose passing a vote of want of confidence and censure upon all concerned.

The reasons why Mr. Adams recommends the continuance of Elk Lake as a source of supply for the present are clearly set forth in his synopses of the cost of the various schemes. In his final summary the engineer points out the undesirability of a city incurring a debt far in advance of what appears to be actually necessary when what he considers an ample supply of water can be procured practically without going into debt at all. He estimates that the cost of improving Elk Lake, allowing for the ordinary increase in water works revenue but without increasing rates, would result in an annual deficit of \$3,500. But in this estimate Mr. Adams includes an item of \$4,000 for "depreciation to excess of provision for bond redemption." If that item be excluded he estimates that the present schedule of rates would carry the reconstructed system without deficit. If the Highland District scheme were adopted the probable deficit would be \$3,000. The deficit in the case of going to Sooke Lake would amount approximately to \$55,000. Going to Goldstream, eliminating the annual charge entailed by purchase of the rights of the Esquimalt Water Works Company, would result in a probable deficit of \$12,200.

In the light shed by these figures, accepting the estimate of the expert that the present source of supply can be made sufficient for a city practically of twice the present population of Victoria, remembering that most people are averse to unnecessary burdens of taxation, putting aside all considerations of an extraneous character, is it not evident that the only reasonable course to pursue is to support the by-law?

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There was no political significance in the defeat of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt in the Toronto mayoralty contest, except such significance as can be attached to the fact that the Doctor was an avowed spoilsman and had announced frankly that such magnificent spoils as Toronto contained should be utilized for the advantage of his Tory "boys." Toronto is strongly Conservative in sentiment, but the majority of the people of that city could not tolerate the idea of the civic service being made an adjunct of the Ontario government civil service. It is also significant that although Premier Whitney has discharged thousands of office-holders against whom no offence could be charged or neglect of duty alleged for the purpose of making room for his hungry friends, that hunger has not yet been appeased, as indeed it never will be. It is further significant that, what Dr. Beattie Nesbitt purposed doing in Toronto other Conservative houses talked of doing in other cities of Ontario. Consequently Toronto, against which much has been said, not always with good reason, has in the case of her action towards Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, performed very worthily indeed. She has set an example which will have a salutary effect.

Count Boni de Castellane, ex-son-in-law of one of the American Goulds, is reported by the Associated Press to have stated that his cousin, with whom he had a very un-French encounter yesterday, is outside the pale of "society." This interesting and highly important statement appears to predicate that the count is himself still one of the shining lights of Parisian society. Is that a libel on Parisian society, or does it indicate that Parisian society is on a level morally with Count Boni?

Editor Harden of Germany has been found guilty of libelling certain of the nobility and sentenced to four months imprisonment. This was to be expected, inasmuch as it was in accord with the obvious desire of his Imperial Majesty the Kaiser. Technically the nobles have been cleared of the charges laid against them, but the great body of the people will cherish their own private opinions in respect of the independence of the court which did the business.

To the Editor:—Why Mr. Kumar should make a second attack on me in your valuable paper I know not. I have not uttered one single word against the Hindus, for in my opinion they have the same right to exist as any other British subject, and I think something ought to be done by our benevolent citizens to relieve their distress. Regarding finding a shelter for them, I am willing to contribute my share. I have always pitied them, for I believe they have been misguided and brought here under false impressions.

The great fault against the Hindus is not their language. I agree with Mr. Kumar that No. 1 is the most important for them to do anything for them. But I really believe they could get along better in India. Of course I am aware of the present state of their country; but the British government is not solely to blame. Her immense wealthy Maharajahs and Princes are sucking the wealth of their country. Great Britain has done more to educate and civilize than all the rest of the world. Of course the Sociedad Lava laid down by Christ has obeyed the command of Jesus, offering as there is today. For man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn. But still with all this suffering, with all this unemployed, the Salvation Army are about to bring thousands more to share in your misery. I believe in the great work done by the Army, but I do not think they should dabble in this emigration question when we have our government agents.

F. SMITH.

PLATINUM IN CARIBOO.

To the Editor:—An editorial note in this morning's Colonist contains the observation that "the announcement that traces of platinum have been found in Cariboo is very interesting." It would, perhaps, be more so if such a find were but recently made. Official Bulletin No. 19, which appeared in the Bureau of Geological Information in 1904, and which was published by the provincial government in that year, gives some information concerning the occurrence of platinum in British Columbia. The introductory paragraph is as follows:

"In the report of the Minister of Mines for 1902 the provincial mineralogist called attention to the fact that it had been recognized that platinum, and sometimes related metals, were found in various parts of the province.

"In 1903 the finds made by the mining companies in the Cariboo district, particularly of the Quesnel river, have been proved to contain considerable quantities of both platinum and osmium, and platinum is also known to occur in the Thompson River area.

"In 1904 the provincial assayer, as well as the results of a series of experiments by the same official appear in the 1905 Report, pp. 23-4."

The official information above referred to is in more detail and may be accepted with much greater confidence than that which appears to have been supplied to the people lacking a full understanding to be very remote, which may require the presence of practically the whole of the fleet in any certain waters, we must duly defer to their judgment, while regretting that the day appears to be past when the functions of the navy, except in times of extremity, was to safeguard the interests of British subjects in all parts of the world.

E. JACOBS.

Editor B. C. Mining Record,
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 3d, 1908.

NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

To the Editor:—My attention has just been directed to Mr. F. Smith's humorous letter in your issue of Monday, Dec. 30th, which had previously escaped my notice.

Mr. Smith has given me the heartiest laugh I have enjoyed for some time; his article on the subject is unique in its chaffing, and often appropriate, for the amusement of the people on some public platform, is almost—not quite—worths of the immortal Ally Sloper. But, perhaps, after all, his letter may not have been intended for humor; it may possibly—I only say "may"—have been intended

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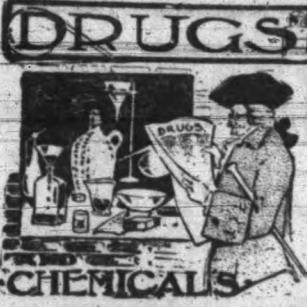
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-Alfred Huggett, who for the past seven years has been a member of the local school board, has resigned. Mr. Huggett has taken up his residence in Vancouver.

-George Ham, the well-known officer of the C. P. R. headquarters staff, will be in Victoria in a few days. Mr. Ham will represent the president of the road at the opening of the Empress hotel here on the 15th.

-The ten-cent matinees which are given daily (except Sunday) at the Johnson street theatre are becoming very popular and the attendance increasing every week. The ladies and children will find this a very pleasant way to spend an hour and a half in the afternoon and witness a clever and refined entertainment at popular prices. The afternoon performances begin at 3 o'clock.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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Next Tuesday the classes at St. Ann's Academy, Humboldt street, as well as the kindergarten and primary school, Blanchard street, will reopen. For the commercial department a new class will be organized.

Yesterday three building permits were issued. Ray L. Dobie was granted a permit for a one and one-half store frame dwelling to be erected on Simcoe street at a cost of \$1,200; James O. Turnbull was granted a permit for dwelling on Pandora street, to cost \$2,500, and to Messrs. Moore & Whitington was given a permit for a warehouse on View street, to cost 1,600.

-On Sunday evening next at St. Barbara's church a lecture will be delivered by Rev. R. Connell, of Cedar Hill, on the progress of the Anglican communion for the past 200 years. Rev. Mr. Connell is the diocesan secretary of the thanksgiving committee in St. Paul's cathedral, London, on July 25th, 1908, in conjunction with the offerings from all dioceses throughout the Anglican communion. Special hymns will be sung (copies of which will be provided for the congregation), and envelopes will be given to those desirous of contributing to this fund. The lecture is of special interest, and it is hoped a large congregation will be present.

The superintendent of the Marine hotel desires to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for their kind Christmas donations to the patients of the above hospital: Mrs. Hardie, books, papers and flowers every week, and decorations for Christmas; Admiral Fleet for Graphic every week; Mrs. C. Wilson, box of jams and jellies; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cameron, box of oranges; Miss Bone, plum cake and box of oranges; Mrs. Doncaster, flowers, cards, pipes and tobacco; R. Porter & Sons, turkey and goose. The following through the kindness of Mr. L. H. Harde, donated: Hudson Bay Co., tobacco and figs; Wilson Bros, nuts; J. H. Todd & Sons, cigars; R. P. Rutherford & Co., plum puddings; F. R. Stewart & Co., apples and oranges; D. H. Ross & Co., raisins; The R. Wilson Co., Ltd., The Times and Colonist newspapers for twelve months, and the Illustrated London News from Mr. Scott of the Hamilton Powder Co., for twelve months, were also received.

The big stock-taking sale at the semi-ready wardrobe started today, January 3rd. Some startling bargains will be offered during the sale, as B. Williams & Co. are determined to reduce their immense stock of clothing, furnishings and hats to make room for the largest stock of semi-ready suits, top-coats, outing flannels, etc., ever shown in B. C., which is now on the way for spring. Men's fine business suits at \$5.95, reduced from \$12 and \$15; men's pants at \$1.45, reduced from \$2.50 and \$3.50; valances at \$6.95, reduced from \$12 and \$15; overcoats at \$6.95, reduced from \$18, etc., etc. Coats at 85c, worth \$2.50, and regular \$3 coats are now \$1.95. Every article in this big clothing and furnishing stock is reduced to save price, and no intelligent person should miss this opportunity to replenish his wardrobe. Five thousand semi-ready garments will be sold during this sale, as the prices are marked low to sell the goods. Come early, therefore, as it is a case of first come first served. Twenty-five salespeople will be ready to wait on customers as this will be the largest clothing and hat sale ever held in B. C. All high-class imported under-wear will also be sold at this sale and linen mesh. Dr. Jaeger's silk, silk and wool, and fine cashmere lines are all cut down to sale prices.

The big Y. M. C. A. football teams, both intermediate and senior, will practice to-morrow afternoon at Beacon Hill in preparation for the first matches which take place on the 18th inst., when the seniors play Esquimalt United, and the intermediates play Ladysmith. All players are asked to be on the ground ready for the kick off at 3 o'clock.

An event which is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest by citizens generally is the big Fit-Form Clothing Sale which starts tomorrow morning at Fit-Form Wardrobe, Government street. Since its introduction here some ten years ago, Fit-Form clothing has won favor with all classes, whilst the firm of Allen & Co. have won the esteem of all who have done business with them. It is safe to say their big sale this year will prove a great success, and those who visit the store will have no cause for regret.

Victoria Nest, No. 10, Brotherhood of Owls, elected officers last evening with the following results: Executive, R. J. Gow; vice-executive, Chas. Williams; vice, W. S. D. Smith; Master of Nest, F. Orr; sentinel, Edward Kelly; warden, Wm. Hastings; treasurer, David Murray; secretary, J. H. McConnell; doctor, A. E. McMicking; G. H. Bissell; will act as treasurer during David Murray's absence from the city. Installation will take place next Thursday evening in the Eagles' hall, Government street, and will be followed by a social session, to which all members and friends are cordially invited.

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INLAND REVENUE.

Receipts During Past Year Far Exceeded the Preceding Twelve Months.

The total receipts of inland revenue for last year was \$22,300.84, an increase of \$4,862 over the total for 1907, when the receipts amounted to \$17,438.88.

During December the revenue collected totalled \$2,272.72, which, with the exception of June and October, was the largest monthly total.

The following table shows the collections made each month of the past year:

January \$16,566.45

February 14,673.77

March 16,532.88

April 16,675.68

May 16,675.68

June 21,187.22

July 19,229.46

August 19,230.46

September 16,176.02

October 22,189.02

November 15,926.76

December 20,171.26

Total for 1907 \$22,300.84

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OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Grand Lodge Officers of the Masonic Order Visited Victoria Last Evening.

There were a number of visiting Masons in the city last night to attend the exercises connected with the installation of officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

The function took place in Masonic hall, and was followed by a banquet in the Dominion hotel, where 166 guests sat down to a hearty repast.

The officers of the lodge who were installed were as follows:

Worshipful master, G. L. Milne; I. P. M., W. H. F. Richdale; S. W. Bro. J. F. Sallaway; J. W. Bro. A. F. Forbes; treasurer, Bro. P. J. Riddell; P. M.; secretary, Bro. A. St. G. Flint; P. M.; S. D. Bro. S. Jones; J. D. Bro. J. R. Saunders; director of cor. S. V. Edwards, P. M.; chaplain, Bro. W. Henderson, P. M.; organist, Bro. J. Andrews; I. G. Bro. A. F. Griffiths; senior steward, Bro. R. F. Verinder; junior steward, Bro. A. Ashwell; tyler, Bro. F. Stockham.

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ALL READY FOR RUGBY MATCH

THE STANFORD TEAM ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Victoria Men Confident of Putting Up a Good Game Against College Cracks.

It is the opinion of the Vancouver newspapers that the Stanford Rugby football team will have an easy victory over Victoria to-morrow at Oak Bay. They are judging by the game that Victoria put up when they were in that city a short time ago and when they were beaten so unmercifully. The inference is a natural one, but not true, for the team that will meet Stanford will be totally different to that which played in Vancouver and besides they will not be asked to play in a sea of mud which they are not used to.

A week ago there were considerable odds given against Victoria, but to-day the betting is pretty nearly even, which shows that those who think they know are as ready to back one side as the other. The truth of the matter is, the game will be very even. Stanford is not altogether in the pink of condition. The men are rather inclined to be stale from the hard contests they have already engaged in and from the round of pleasure which they have had

the grand stand. The play will be the opposite to that generally adopted, the goals being at either end somewhat similar to the lacrosse matches. At the end and sides opposite the grand stand the grounds will be roped off about forty feet back from the lines and no spectators will be allowed inside these lines nor will they be allowed between the grand stand and the game.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE GAMES BEGIN.

The team which the J. B. A. will take to Nanaimo to-morrow will be a representative one, and it is thought that they will prove winners over the Coal City men, although doubtless the game will be a big game. This will be the opening of the Island League, and is being watched with great interest. Esquimalt United will also play their opening game with Ladysmith on the same day and as the suburban men are looked upon as probable winners of the championship they too should come home loaded with honor. These games will give the other teams some idea of what they are up against so that the results of the events will be eagerly awaited. The James Bay team will be as follows: Goal, Peden; fullbacks, S. Lorimer and Lawson; halfbacks, J. Lorimer, Hughes and Shanks; forwards, E. Davis, J. Davis, E. Brightman, Todd, Tait.

BASKETBALL.

HIGH SCHOOL WINS.

The High school intermediate basketball team last evening registered another victory, beating the J. B. A. A. by a score of 25 to 18. The game, which was played in the James Bay gymnasium, was fast throughout, two men, Strachan and Locke, being forced to retire through injuries received. Their places were taken by Mulcahy and Cox. The teams playing were as follows: James Bay A. A.—Guards, Strachan



VICTORIA RUGBY PLAYERS—Most of the group have places on the team which will meet Stanford University to-morrow.

in the Terminal City where they have been treated like kings. The Victoria men are supposed to be in the pink of condition, with the exception of Schwengers, and it is thought that he will be all right by to-morrow. This will mean an extremely even game, a battle royal, such as has not been seen in Victoria for many a day.

One feature of the game will be the rooting of the Stanford supporters, who will give their college yell and sing their college songs on the grounds. The glee and minstrel clubs will both be there and doubtless all of Victoria will be on hand to see the local men engage in the fun.

George Presley, the Stanford coach, will be unable to be present, as he is in the hospital at Vancouver suffering with appendicitis.

The Stanford players are heavy, probably heavier than the Victorians, and active as cats. They arrived in the city last night and the glee club and minstrels will give their show in the Victoria theatre to-night. Both Victoria and Stanford teams will be present and the entertainment is expected to draw a big crowd.

Yesterday the grounds at Oak Bay were marked out in such a way as to put the players as close as possible to

and Donaldson; Centre, Joe Dakers; forwards, Clark and Locke.

High School—Guards, Campbell and Sweeney; Centre, Spencer; forwards, Eric and Johnson.

Referee, V. Stewart.

Y. M. C. A. TOUR.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team under Manager Finlay, will leave on Monday next on a tour of the Sound cities, and a little farther south. They will play every night they are away except Sunday, their last date being after a week from Monday. It is expected that nine players besides the manager will be in the party, which will consist of the pick of the Y. M. C. A. players. They will be Tom Peden, Jim Petterson, N. Gowan, H. Rosecamp, T. Gawley, D. Campbell, Bob Whyte, R. McKittrick, Joe Dakers, with Physical Instructor, W. G. Findlay in charge.

Their progress will be watched with great interest by the people of this city. Although the team has twice suffered defeat it has been under most adverse circumstances as White was too ill to play the first time and on the next occasion he should have been in bed instead of playing basketball. The boys have learned something by their defeat and are likely to uphold the good name which Victoria holds as a centre for all athletic games and sports.

GENERAL NOTES.

Esquimalt United and Y. M. C. A. teams are being picked by some as favorites in the Island soccer league. Why not J. B. A. A. that has won everything up to date? As long as the championship comes to Victoria all will be well.

Victorians are apt to be pessimistic about their own team. The boys are better than their supporters think.

If Vancouver can defeat Stanford, why can't Victoria?

The hockey game scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed to allow Schwengers to play in the Rugby game against Stanford.

FUTURE OF BROOKLANDS

the opening season had been rather more evenly distributed.

Whether the other makers ought to have allowed Mr. Edge to have things so much his own way is another matter. One can well understand that they do not find it very pleasant coming forward time after time and being beaten. But then, they should improve their methods and try to win. That is what Mr. Edge has done, and they should follow his example. There has been no magic or witchcraft about the success of the Napier's. Those successes have been secured by sheer hard work and skill in getting the finest possible results out of the material available. Mr. Edge has publicly stated himself that they have learnt more at the Napier works from a single seafarers experience at Brooklands than in any previous three years. He and his clever staff have continued incessantly improving their cars in this way and that as suggested by experience, and this it which explains in large measure the Napier successes. In the case of many other firms, it has been very different. Fine cars have been sent, but this and that detail has been neglected, the whole thing has been carried through in a slipshod, slap-dash fashion and failure and disappointment have been the result.

Then the management have recently installed a system of records which ought to attract a good deal of support from the trade, apart from the races. For each of the standard classes of 26 h.p., 40 h.p., 60 h.p., and 90 h.p. cars these records have been instituted; two records, a short and a long, in each class—the short consisting of a flying half-mile and the long of ten laps with standing starts; and many will doubtless be glad to go for them from time to time. The present condition of affairs in regard to motor racing records is chaotic in the extreme, there being no recognized authority to regulate matters in this respect, though it is obvious that unless it is authentically established precisely what a so-called record represents, namely, not only the distance run, but the horse-power of the car, is of little or no value. The Brooklands records, checked by electrical timing, will meet a need, therefore, and incidentally should usefully help the club's finances.

It is to be hoped, too, that the racing will be better supported next season than during the past, though it is no good disinguing the fact that under this head a difficulty has presented itself of a kind which the most prescient management could hardly have foreseen.

There is no doubt that S. F. Edge, by his extraordinary series of wins with the all-conquering Napier cars, has largely helped to keep other and less successful competitors away. From the first Mr. Edge laid himself out to turn the opportunities of Brooklands to the fullest possible account, and the result

is that the position adopted, for instance, as Mr. Jarrott has more than once explained, by Messrs. De Dietrich, and others have said the same: Such an attitude is, however, absurd. It has long since been proved to demonstration that racing at Brooklands constitutes one of the cleverest possible tests to which cars can be subjected, while eliminating as far as possible the elements of luck and chance which play so large a part in the ordinary road race. To paraphrase a well-known line, one may say of Brooklands that the individual withers but the car is more and more, and it is precisely on this account that track racing must eventually be recognized as an infinitely more satisfactory test of a car than performances on the road, where driving skill, tire troubles, and so on, have so much to do with the result.

At present, however, the foreign firms maintain their attitude of aloofness, though it is possible that they may see cause to modify their views before very long. It is an open secret that the redoubtable Mr. Edge, sighting for fresh worlds to conquer, proposes next season to adopt a much more spirited foreign policy than has hitherto been pursued by his firm, and intends to enter Napier for all the leading continental events, and in this case it is conceivable that he may give our foreign friends a better notion of British prowess, and compel them to take the Brooklands track more seriously. In this connection, the recent triumph of a six-cylinder Napier at the Gaillardon hill climb is too fresh in memory to be forgotten. A few more such eye-openers would probably induce a marvellous change of opinion on the part of some of our friends across the Channel concerning the merits of British cars. This, however, is wandering somewhat from the subject of Brooklands and its future, though bearing indirectly on the question. On the whole, the omens, if not as hopeful as they might be, could still be a great deal worse, and it is at all events matter for satisfaction that a most plucky and spirited venture, in which an enormous amount of money has been sunk, is not to be allowed to collapse entirely without at least one more vigorous effort to avert such a deplorable result.

BASE FOR 112 WARSHIPS.

The plans for the establishment of the naval base at Rosyth, on the Firth of Forth, have now been completed, and the Admiralty has decided to proceed with the work. Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at Duns, said that arrangements had been made for proceeding with the work and that contracts were now being taken. The new naval base would give accommodation for 112 ships of war and would take ten years to construct, and he hoped it would be a great addition to the safety of the nation. Our vast ocean trade made it imperative, he said, that we should retain command of the seas, and that the navy should be kept at the very highest point of efficiency.

THE FEAST OF LIGHTS.

Candles play a great part in the Jewish ritual. Lit on Friday evening they denote the incoming of the Sabbath. On every festival-candles are burnt as part of the observance, and during the solemn White Fast a huge candle is made to burn throughout those twenty-

days. Failing the adoption of some such arrangement as this, only one alternative seems to suggest itself. Mr. Edge will have to be barred altogether, or assassinated, or otherwise prevented from playing sport by collecting all the prizes. As it is, I doubt altogether if he will allow himself to be snuffed out by such an engagingly simple scheme as that indicated. Apparently the supply of Napier racing cars of all descriptions is quite unlimited, and I imagine, therefore, that he would arrange simply to run a different one each time, and thus get round any such regulation as that suggested. Seriously, it is a remarkable tribute to the organisational genius of Mr. Edge, and the wonderful qualities of the Napier cars, that such a condition of things should have arisen, and it is certainly a matter of hearty satisfaction that it is a British car which has proved itself so astonishingly successful. But the management would, I imagine, have been all the better pleased if the honors of

the opening season had been rather more evenly distributed.

Whether the other makers ought to have allowed Mr. Edge to have things so much his own way is another matter. One can well understand that

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GLEE CLUB FROM STANFORD COLLEGE

Will Be at Victoria Theatre This Evening---The Man of the Hour To-morrow.

In connection with the concert to be given to-night in the Victoria theatre by the Stanford Glee and Mandolin Clubs, it is of interest to notice that the fun-makers or "stunt men," are probably the best amateur performers on the coast, and indeed, by some critics they are ranked very favorably with well-known professionals.

All three are very prominent in university activities and possess innate wit coupled with exceptional powers of performance. They not only execute their fun-making with consummate skill but they are the original authors of the large majority of their clever jokes and are never at a loss under the most trying circumstances for the proper repartee.

The work of these three men is, in itself, a treat to watch, and coupled with the choral and instrumental work of the combined Glee and Mandolin Clubs produces an entertainment which cannot well afford to be missed.

The San Jose Mercury says of the concert: "The Stanford Glee and Mandolin Clubs were greeted by a large audience at the Vendome Music Hall to-night. The concert by the collegians was the best of the kind ever presented in the Garden City, and the entertainment proved a delightful treat. Both Glee and Mandolin Clubs are stronger than ever before. The collegians are fortunate in having with them Bernard, who is one of the cleverest amateur electricians ever seen here. He was easily the favorite of the audience, and was encored repeatedly. Kellogg and Bradford, comedians, are superior to many professionals, and shared the honors with Bernard. Maxwell Vestal, the base soloist, scored a hit. Three and four encores for every number extended the original programme of twelve pieces to over thirty numbers."

"The Man of the Hour."

A good, close look at the inner workings of machine politics; how the "wheels go round," who starts 'em and who greases 'em—this is promised in Mr. George Broadhurst's new play, "The Man of the Hour," which comes to the Victoria theatre on Saturday evening for its local premiere.

Mr. Broadhurst says he has not gone to the magazines and the newspapers for second-hand accounts of the men and the affairs his play depicts, but that he has taken people and events out of local municipal politics, and put them on the stage in a way that will leave little doubt as to whom and what he is talking about behind the footlights.

In a word, he will show in dramatic form a typical instance of machine politics. The particular case of "graft," which makes the subject of the play is the putting through of a city council of a bill giving a perpetual franchise to the street railway corporation. The persons brought into the foreground of the action centre around this "deal" are a young mayor, whose consistent honesty has made him the foe of the machine which elected him; a scheming financier, a political boss who is out for "all there is in it," and an up-to-the-minute representative of the city fathers, who goes by the name of Alderman Phelan.

There is a thread of love interest run-



GROUP FROM STANFORD GLEE CLUB.

through the play which concerns the upright young mayor and the niece of the financier. Four acts are used in working out the story through some stormy scenes.

Kubelik Coming.

Jan. Kubelik, the great Bohemian violinist, who is now on his way west, comes here on Tuesday next for his only concert in British Columbia.

Those who recall the enthusiasm over him on the two previous tours will be prepared to enjoy a great musical experience when he plays here.

Unassuming and simple as a child, Kubelik is untouched by the world's fawning admiration, and, as his marvelously supple fingers glide without apparent effort through the most amazing intricacies of the composer's art, one's mind is not distracted by the affected contortions of genius's performances. He is honestly and sincerely himself—a self-of-lovable personality and the most marvellous technician of the age.

It is not the women alone who are hypnotized by the magic of this young man's playing. Men, with and without musical knowledge, are carried away and revel in new sensations while listening to sounds that no mere fiddle ever produced before. The youth and gladness that the heart that makes the world grow young again, and where is

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The programme to be given on Tuesday evening next will be as follows:

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Chopin Andante

Chopin Scherzo-B Minor Chanson Trieste

Schumann Suite Roy.

(a) Spohr Adagio

(b) Tschalkowsky Scherzo

(c) Flöck Poem

(d) St. Louis Arr. of "Lucia" Sextette (For Violin alone).

Kubelik Caprice

Saint-Saens Valse Caprice

Paganini Kebek.

Mile. Berthe Roy, pianiste.

Herr Ludwig Schwab, accompanist.

RAILWAY TARDINESS.

Boston Governor Says Existing Law Is Inadequate to Deal With Public Control.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—The ceremonies at the inauguration of Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston, for his third and probably last term, were held

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.

Negotiations Said to Be Progressing Satisfactorily Between Two Countries.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Negotiations for the conclusion of a definite commercial agreement between France and the United States has extended the life of the decree which permits Porto Rican coffee to enter France upon payment of the minimum rate of duty until February 1st.

The pessimism which prevailed here at the beginning of the negotiations on account of what was regarded as disproportionate demands by the United States, has now been succeeded by a belief that an arrangement satisfactory to both countries will be reached.

ILLNESS OF CISSIE LOFTUS.

New York, Jan. 2.—Miss Cecilia Loftus, the actress, who was operated upon for appendicitis yesterday, is reported better to-day. She is still in a serious condition, however. The strain of the long series of one-night stints in England and Canada is said to have brought on the attack which made the operation necessary.

RAILWAY VICTIMS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—Two men were run down and killed by a Pittsburg and Lake Erie passenger train on the South Side to-day.

NED HANLAN'S CONDITION.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—A consultation of doctors was held this morning over Ned Hanlan, the former champion carman of the world, who is suffering from pneumonia. His condition is pronounced as very critical, and recovery is improbable.

RECOVERING FROM DEPRESSION

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—It is expected that fully 7,000 ovens of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions, will be put in operation again within the next ten days. Several of the plants of the Frick company, which were operated only two days last week, are being operated five days this week, and a general resumption is expected shortly.

Many people have a habit of ailing. How much better it would be to learn to keep well. For health, after all, is largely a matter of habit, which all may acquire with a little practise.

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SPORTS AND ATHLETICS



WEST COAST SHIPPING REPORT

Tatooch, Jan. 3.—(1 p. m.) by wireless—Raining, thick. Wind east, 20 miles. Barometer, 29.65; temperature, 45. Schooner Alice Cook passed out towling at 11 a.m. Steamer passed in close to Vancouver Island shore at 12.30. Name indistinguishable.

Tatooch, Jan. 3.—(2 a. m.) by wireless—Raining, misty. Wind east, 21 miles, barometer 29.75; temperature, 45. A steamship passed in at 6.30 a. m., name indistinguishable.

Carmarhan, Jan. 3.—(1 p. m.) Fresh easterly wind, cloudy, rain, sea smooth. No shipping.

Cape Beale, Jan. 3.—(1 p. m.) Easterly wind, rain, sea smooth. No shipping.

Carmarhan, Jan. 3.—(2 a. m.) Moderate east wind, cloudy, raining, sea smooth. No shipping.

Cape Beale, Jan. 3.—(2 a. m.) Easterly wind, cloudy, sea smooth. No shipping.

C. P. R. NEW LAKE VESSEL.

Navigational for the season closed on Christmas Day at Owen Sound by the arrival of the Keewatin, the second of the big new passenger steamers for the Canadian Pacific railway. The steamer made the run from Buffalo through heavy weather and without the usual aids to navigation. Capt. E. M. Anderson, commodore of the lake fleet, was in command. The arrival of the Keewatin brings the value of the steel tonnage in Owen Sound harbor to over three and a half million dollars, as beside the five fine passenger steamships of the Canadian Pacific railway, there are eight big steel freighters and other craft which will bring the monetary value over the amount named.

The Keewatin, which is the latest acquisition to the C. P. R. up lake fleet, is 350 feet long, and has a 3,600-ton register, with a classification of A1 at Lloyd's, and with the exception of her sister ship, is the only vessel on the Upper Lakes with this qualification. She can carry 250 first class cabin passengers, and with the Asiniboin will give a greatly improved service by the C. P. R. during the summer months.

CYCLOPS UNLOADING.

The Holt liner Cyclops, Capt. Harris, arrived from the Sound this morning, and is engaged in discharging 598 tons of general cargo. She will load several hundred tons of return freight, and will leave for Vancouver on Sunday night or Monday morning.

The Cyclops is scheduled to sail for Liverpool via the usual ports on Friday inst.

The Holt liner Bellerophon is expected from Liverpool about the 22nd of the month, and will be followed by the Ning Chow, which is due on February 18th. The Antiochus is scheduled to leave Liverpool to-morrow for this port, and will arrive about March 13th.

MOANA SAILS TO-NIGHT.

The Canadian-Australian liner Moana left Vancouver this afternoon and will sail from the outer wharf to-night for Sydney via Suva and way ports. She is taking a large cargo, and has the following passengers:

Saloons—R. Sturdy, Second class—H. Brickland, E. Weatherby, A. Lawrence, G. C. Staples, Mrs. F. Barry, G. C. Barry, H. Bradley, J. A. Pedley, W. Tosh, S. A. Frey, Miss L. Barron, Miss K. Barron, Miss J. Scott, S. Baxter, Mrs. J. M. Bell. Third class—R. Sutcliffe, A. J. Dyer, A. Smith, R. Pearce, W. Pearce, F. Shaw, F. Calvert, C. C. McKenzie, N. McMillan, W. Jameson, R. Trenton, J. W. Hocking, R. Lauri, H. Turnbull, W. H. Hocking, Max Pohle, O. Tucher, G. Medans, H. Cochrane, F. Mullins, Wm. Irvine and A. Allan.

AKI MARU BRINGING JAPS.

Bringing what is probably the largest consignment of general merchandise ever carried from the Orient to Victoria by a Japanese liner, the N.Y.K. steamship Aki Maru left Yokohama on Christmas day, and is due on the 9th inst.

She is carrying 1,191 tons, measurement of general freight to be unloaded here, and is bringing 100 steerage passengers, 88 being Japanese, the remainder Chinese.

GEORGIA SAILS TO-MORROW.

Owing to a delay caused by a slight mishap with the steam steering gear the Canadian-Mexican liner Georgia will not arrive in port from Sidney until to-morrow, and will sail for Salina Cruz and way ports to-morrow afternoon.

The Georgia is loading 350,000 feet of lumber from the Sidney mill, which is being placed aboard her by means of scows.

VENTURE ON WAYS.

The Bowesville steamship Venture was hauled out on the ways at the Victoria Machinery Depot this morning to receive a number of slight repairs and to undergo an overhauling. The Venture will probably be a week or ten days out of the water. Her place on the northern B. C. run has been taken by the company's other steamship Vadso.

WORST MARINE DISASTERS.

Among the many marine disasters of the past year, the wreck of the Great Eastern Railway Company's passenger steamship Berlin, off the Hook of Holland, on the morning of February 1st, which was attended by a loss of 141 lives, stands out prominently. The vessel was sunk in the new waterway at the Hook, a few yards from land and within a few minutes of her berth. Despite the many attempts made by the famous lifeboat crews of that district only one life was saved.

Quite as many lives were lost in the

Cable Company stating that its cable steamship Restorer, which is due in Esquimalt about the 8th from Honolulu, will be drydocked and painted.

Several boxes of gear and a quantity of cable have arrived from the east for the steamship.

MARINE NOTES.

Capt. N. E. Cousins, one of the best known of all the masters in the employ of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, has been given command of the steamer Delhi, succeeding Captain George H. Zeh. Captain Cousins, who has been for years in the steamer Queen since the latter went into service between Tacoma and San Francisco.

It is reported, writes U. S. Consul G.

H. Schidmore, of Nagasaki, that extensive work on sea walls and in dredging to a depth of 36 feet at Sasebo, to be completed in 1909, will increase the facilities of that Japanese port so that at least six large battleships can anchor within the harbor, and vessels may load and discharge alongside the stone walls.

A suit for \$15,000 has been brought against the China Mutual Navigation Company, owner of the steamship Ontario, which sailed for Liverpool recently, for commission, information has been received by Secretary C. B. Yandell of the chamber, that the vessel of the United States revenue cutter service station at Port Townsend are at all times ready to proceed to the assistance of vessels in distress on the coast.

The information came in a communiqué from Capt. F. M. Munger, of the revenue service, in charge of the Port Townsend station, who states that it is part of the duty of the vessels of the revenue service to render aid to distressed vessels. He also complains that his department is now handicapped in such rescue work for the reason that he does not receive information of maritime accidents until too late to be of any material assistance.

ESTELLE PHINNEY SANK.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 2.—The steamer Elizabeth Palmer arrived at Hampton Roads to-day from Boston, and Capt. Smith reports her that on Saturday night off Bangor, N. Y., his vessel ran down the three-masted schooner Estelle Phinney, Capt. Phinney, and crew were taken aboard the Palmer and brought here. The Phinney filled rapidly and sank. The Palmer was bound for Baltimore. The Phinney was bound for Boston.

WIRELESS ON SALVOR.

The installation of wireless apparatus on the British Columbia Salvage Company's steamship Salvor has been completed with the exception of the receivers. The latter have not yet arrived from the east, but are expected within a few days' time at the outside, which will allow of the Salvor being placed in communication with the stations on the coast.

Apparatus has also been ordered for the big tug William Jolliffe, which is to be equipped in the spring.

MONTREAL PORT OPEN.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—The St. Lawrence river is open from Montreal to the sea, with the exception of a few miles of shallow water in Lake St. Peter. This is reported to be the latest date on record. The winter so far has been a very mild one. Montreal harbor is clear of ice, with the exception of a thin sheeting in the wharf basins.

KROONLAND IN NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 2.—The steamer Kroonland, which broke her port propeller shaft off Bishop Rock, Scilly Islands, on Dec. 8th and was forced to put into Southampton where a new shaft was shipped, arrived to-day. The Kroonland's passengers had been forwarded by other steamers.

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IBERO LOST, THREE SURVIVORS.

Mexico City, Jan. 2.—Roman Portas, second in command of the steamer Ibero, the vessel which has not been heard from for several weeks, has arrived at Vera Cruz. He says the vessel sank in a storm on the night of December 2nd, and all on board were lost except three.

TO MANAGE NEW CONCERN.

The resignation of J. D. Trenholme, manager of the Northwestern S. S. Company, is followed with the news that he has taken up the position of manager for the newly formed Mexican Pacific Company, in which many Victoria men are interested.

UMATILLA DELAYED.

The Pacific Coast steamship Umatilla will not leave for San Francisco to-morrow night as expected. She has been delayed on the Sound, and will complete loading in time to allow of her departure on Sunday.

RESTORER WILL DOCK.

The British Columbia Railway Company has received advices from the New York office of the Commercial

Steamship Restorer, which is due in Esquimalt about the 8th from Honolulu, will be drydocked and painted.

Several boxes of gear and a quantity of cable have arrived from the east for the steamship.

Dancers at a ball at the hotel at Hirshberg, Canton of Appenzel, were startled by a horse which had thrown its rider dashing into the hotel, and through the hall-room. The waltzers fled as the animal kicked out in all directions.

While some of the men tried to catch the reins, the horse sprang down the cellar steps and was so seriously injured that it had to be shot.

ORGANIZING A REVOLUTION

STRIFE ANTICIPATED IN GUATEMALA

U. S. GUNBOAT INVESTIGATED ACTIVITY OF AMERICAN GENERAL SAID TO BE RECRUITING TROOPS.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 1.—What is believed to be an incipient or pending revolution, is reported from Puerto Cortez, Honduras, via this city, by a special correspondent. Capt. Maxwell, of the United States gunboat Marietta, was notified by the government of Honduras on Christmas day that an expedition was organizing in Guatemala and Fort Belize, its destination being unknown. It was claimed that Gen. Lee Christmas, the American, was recruiting Americans on the Guatemala frontier.

The commander at Puerto Cortez regarded the information as authentic, and feared that the Americans in that country might be induced to join the expedition. Capt. Maxwell arrived at Livingston, Guatemala, on the 26th, to make an investigation. On the morning of December 27th the government of Guatemala notified Capt. Maxwell that it had discovered the whereabouts of Gen. Christmas and other chiefs of the former Manuel Bonilla government at the capital, where they were under observation, and also that a guard had been placed along the frontier to prevent any movement, and that the commandant had strict orders to send to the capital any chief that may enter the coast district.

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50,000 INDIANS RENAMED.

Poetry of "Rain in the Face" Turned Into Prose.

Dr. Charles Eastman, who was appointed by the government for the singular task of renaming Indians, has just returned to Washington from the Pine Ridge reservation, South Dakota, where he has finished his work of giving new names to nearly thirty thousand Sioux Indians. Dr. Eastman himself is a full-blooded Sioux, although he is a graduate of Dartmouth College and of the Boston Medical School. His wife was Miss Elaine Goodale, a poet of some celebrity, and she has assisted her husband in renaming the Sioux.

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Commences To-Morrow, Saturday, January 4th.

Shattered Prices in Every Department



ARCHING ABREAST OF THE TIMES, we have realized that the steady growth of our large business demands much more commodious store space. We have therefore spent a great amount of money recently in extending our store by building new premises and fitting up a large, handsome new CLOTHING STORE with frontage on Trounce Avenue. The showroom of this store is handsomely equipped with the latest Clothing Wardrobes, second to none in British Columbia, with an excellent overhead light which commends itself to our customers. The whole of the old premises will now be entirely devoted to MEN'S HATS, FURNISHINGS, UNDERWEAR, ETC.; but as it is necessary that we remodel and renovate this, the Government St. store, our large stock must be reduced to facilitate these operations. We have therefore decided to hold a GREAT SACRIFICE SALE IN ORDER TO CLEAR OUT MANY LINES IN MEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS, RAINCOATS, UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY, ALSO YOUTHS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING, ETC. These are not old or shopworn goods, but thoroughly up-to-date, well tailored garments. Many of the Suits and Overcoats are the 20TH CENTURY BRAND, invariably the choice of ultra-smart dressers and famous for excellence of material, perfection of cut, fit and finish. Although January this will be a "red hot sale"; one that will forge fetters of friendship with our patrons. A timely sale, too, just at the New Year when it is to the smart business man's advantage to be off with the old goods and on with the new. (All up-to-date men know the wisdom of a good appearance.)

*Your longest memory of bargain events knows of no equal
in High-Grade Well-Tailored Attire. Kindly note appended
list--merely a few out of the many unparalleled values*



MEN'S SUITS

In cut and shapeliness—in fit and general creation—in tailoring and fine finish, we believe these Suits stand on a par with any Suit you ever paid \$25.00 and \$27.50 for to your custom tailor. Materials are excellent all-wool quality English and Scotch Tweeds and Worsts; both single and double breasted; popular shades. Many of them were tailored by the famous 20th Century Clothing Co. Really unheard of "bargains" at these Alteration Sale Prices:

\$12.00 and \$15.00 SUITS reduced to.....	\$8.00
\$18.00 SUITS reduced to.....	\$10.00
\$20.00 to \$25.00 SUITS reduced to.....	\$12.00

YOUTHS' SUITS

Now-a-days the very young man is extremely "ticklish" over his attire; he very properly desires it to be just so; he likes to have perfection of fit and finish, fashion and fabric—a Suit that suits. But he seldom finds exactly what he wants at the price he wants to pay. This time, however, he can be suited down-to-the-ground with an A-1 Scotch or English Tweed Suit, well tailored and well lined, 32 to 35 sizes.

\$8.00 SUIT reduced to.....	\$6.00
\$9.00 SUIT reduced to.....	\$6.00
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MEN'S OVERCOATS

Old Boreas may whistle his winter tunes over the Island, but the fortunate possessor of one of these fine Top Coats will care not, because he will be prepared with the Coat protection he needs. All good styles and up-to-date wrinkles are ably represented here in great variety:

OXFORD GRAY OVERCOATS, fine British goods, splendidly tailored and finished in newest and most popular fashion. \$12.00 OVERCOATS reduced to..... \$8.00

ENGLISH TWEED OVERCOATS, dark and medium fancy mixtures, exceedingly smart and most serviceable. \$15.00 OVERCOATS reduced to..... \$7.75

DOUBLE BREASTED OVERCOATS, materials genuine imported Scotch Tweeds—popular color harmonies—well tailored and finished in latest style. \$12.00 OVERCOATS reduced to..... \$13.00

MEN'S TROUSERS

All smart and economical dressers know the value of a good, well-tailored separate pair of Trousers that will match or harmonize well with their general business Suit. This Big Alteration Sale of ours offers unrivalled Bargains in Odd Trousers—fine British Tweeds and Worsts in the popular stripe effects:

\$3.50 to \$5.00 TROUSERS reduced to..... \$2.50

MEN'S RAINCOATS

All British Columbians recognize that a good Raincoat is an absolute necessity in this climate. These stylish Coats are made from excellent quality cloths, waterproofed in England, where they know what weather is. They are also recently tailored in England by a first-class tailor who knows what good style is. Fine Coats, fit for rain or shine. Dark gray Oxford materials:

\$12.00 RAINCOATS reduced to..... \$7.75

MEN'S UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY

It has ever been our aim to provide the best in Underwear, as in everything else we sell, for the very lowest possible figures. Our patrons have ever found maximum value for minimum price. This Big Alteration Sale, however, takes another bigger cut off regular figures:

ALL-WOOL SCOTCH UNDERWEAR, \$1.00 GARMENTS reduced to..... 50c

FLEECE-LINED UNDERWEAR, 75c GARMENT reduced to..... 40c

HEAVY WOOL SOCKS reduced, per pair, to..... 20c

RIBBED FANCY MIXED WORSTED SOCKS reduced to..... 20c

BLACK CASHMERE SOCKS reduced, per pair, to..... 20c

BOYS' SWEATERS

Plenty of values here too for the little chaps—grand bargains for the lad as well as grand bargains for his dad. We just itemize "sweaters" out of the many other things:

BUSTER BROWN SWEATERS, suitable for Boys and Girls, in cardinal, navy, myrtle and white—all sizes—\$1.25 and \$1.50 Sweaters reduced to..... 90c

HEAVY WORKING SHIRTS

Dark Flannel

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MEN'S CARDIGAN JACKETS

Black and Brown

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SEMI-READY Stores have only one Sale per year, and during this Sale all Odd and Lonely Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats and Trousers must be cleared out regardless of cost. B. WILLIAMS & CO. have on order for Spring an immense stock of Semi-Ready Suits, Top Coats, Trousers, Outing Suits, etc., which will be the largest and finest stock of SEMI-READY GARMENTS carried anywhere in Canada. All goods on hand to-day, therefore, must be sold, and, consequently LOW PRICES during this Sale will prevail. Don't miss this chance to buy HIGH-CLASS CLOTHING and FURNISHINGS cheap. All Semi-Ready Garments are labelled with the price in the pocket, and any deception in regard to values will be impossible during this Sale.

MEN'S FINE OVERCOATS, worth from \$12.00 to \$18.00. Now.....	\$6.95
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SMOKING JACKETS AND DRESSING GOWNS, HALF-PRICE.	
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FLEECE LINED UNDERWEAR	45c.
FINE NATURAL WOOL UNDERWEAR, regular price \$1.25. Now	95c.
HEAVY WOOL SOCKS	20c.
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OUR YOUNG FOLKS PAGE

LITTLE PAT'S STRANGE BIRTHDAY PRESENT, By Maud Walker.

Little Pat O'Hara was as his name signified, an Irish laddie, and as bright a little chap could be found in this country which was Pat's own by his parents' adoption. Pat was red of hair, freckled of face, and blue of eyes, to say nothing of his smile which was brighter than his hair, freckles or eyes. And Pat's heart was the biggest part of his body, for it he held love for all of mankind, child-kind and animal and bird kind. Although Pat's parents were in very moderate circumstances Pat found the means to do many little acts of charity in a quiet way. Whenever he earned a few nickels or dimes (and this happened often, for he was a most industrious little chap) he did not forget to give some of it in alms to the old and poor.

"Do unto them as is poorer than ye, as you would be done by in like circumstances," was Pat's own version of that greatest of maxims.

Pat's birthday came in the last week of July, and as it was nearing that date Pat's mother began making preparations to celebrate the occasion by giving her little son a party.

"Patsey," said the good mother one morning, "I'm that worried about what to give you for a birthday present. I want to give something what will be of some account, ye know. I don't believe in wastin' money on useless things. Now, can you give me a hint as to what I could give ye—something what you'll git use of an enjoy at the same time?"

Pat sat meditating a few minutes; then he said, "Mither, let's wait about the present till I think it over. I'm not quite certain what I want yet. But I've got a few days to look about and to think."

"All right, son," smiled Pat's proud mother, who always gave her Pat the privilege of helping to select his own presents. "In that way the chile is never disappointed," she would explain if anyone commented on such a strange procedure. "An' if I go an' git anything without con-

sulting him first I'm likely to bring the very article he doesn't want. So I give him a voice in the matter of his own presents."

So the days rolled by without Pat determining just what he wanted for a birthday gift. At last the "day of grace" arrived and still no present was selected, although Pat's mother often hinted to him that valuable time was slipping by and it would soon be too late to select a present unless Pat and she got their heads together and decided upon something right away.

"Tomorrow is your birthday, son," said the good woman, "and there's nothing to cheer you up and make you remember it. Your father is that worrit he don't know what to do. This mornin' he says to me, 'What have we got for Patsey?' And I had to say, 'nothin'. What, nothin' for the feistiest lad on top the earth?" says he. Then I explained that the money was snug in my pocketbook for the gift, but that Pat hadn't made any selection yet. "Woman," says yer father, "an' git the boy somethin' an' surprise him. Don't let him know what you're after gittin' for his birthday." Well, says I, "It's Pat's birthday, an' not yours neither; an' I git nothin' but somethin' that the darlin' boy wants," says I."

"Right you are, mither mine," said Pat, shedding his bed head close for a pat from his mother's hand and a kiss from her lips. "I'll look out today sure an' find what to git money to have the doctor."

"No, this horse won't be workin' this time nex' year" asserted the second man, looking at the decayed teeth of an old horse that stood, head drooping, beside the first speaker who held the animal by a bridle rein.

"But, lorsey, man, I'm offerin' you the cream in the mornin' an' deliver it at thine o'clock. I figured out that the party would go on for an hour before they'd go to eatin' an' enjoyn' themselves. So I was the ice cream to come in fine an' stiff an' cold as ice can freeze it. There's nothin' so coolin' to both tember and body as ice cream on a hot day."

After talking over the anticipated event of the morrow Pat said to his mother: "Well, I'll take a turn down the street an' see if my eyes fall on anything that takes my fancy for a gift. Then I'll run back an' give you the hint."

"That's like my boy," smiled the mother who was always a confidante to her beloved son. "So while you're gone I'll be in the parlour for tomorrow. I'll be that busy in the mornin' that I'll have little time for fixin' the rooms. We'll all be so excited, Patsey, that we'll not know whether we're standin' on our heads or our feet!"

Pat brushed back his stubborn red hair, wiped the dust and perspiration from his freckled face, and taking his straw hat sauntered off down the village street in quest of a choice of a birthday gift. As he went along the one business street his attention was attracted by a conversation between two men who stood at a corner. One was saying:

"I wouldn't want to sell my ole hose if it wasn't that my little girl is awful sick an' needs a doctor. I ain't had no crops for two years now; the drouth killed every thing last year, just as it was ready to harvest. So I've got to sell this ole hose—an' he's a good one yet for two years."

"But ain't the man very poor—an' isn't his little girl sick an' in need of a doctor?" asked Pat immediately.

"None, he's just workin' that scheme to get rid of that horse," laughed the well-to-do farmer. "He's an old horse-trader, and when business drags he draws on his imagination for a sick family. I've seen that old fellow about the streets many times, but never heard about his crop failure nor his family before."

Then the well-to-do farmer went on down the street and Pat tugged about and went back to the horse dealer. "Aha," said the old man, "so you want to buy a good horse, do you? Well, here he is. Of course he's a bit the worse for wear just now, for my haycart has bin heavy this summer an' I've had to put him through the mill, so to speak. But give him a week's rest an' presto, pass—you've got a new horse, an' a limber one that can travel some. He's a bit poor, but pasture him a week an' then look at his ribs if you can. After a week on the grass I'll give you a liver for every bone you can see through his hide."

Pat looked the old horse over and said: "I suppose you are sellin' him because you have more horses than you know what to do with an' ain't you Mister?"

"Shore, sir," assented the horse trader. "I've got a pasture full of 'em, an' as food stuff is high I'm sellin' or rather I'm givin' my animals away. Now, have you the money?"

"How much?" asked Pat.

"Well, I've been askin' fifteen dollars for him, but seemin' as you are a youngster I'll throw off a dollar. I like to treat youngsters well, I do. Have you got fourteen?"

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The Miner's Choice of Deaths

By Joseph Keating in London Mail.

The advantage of being in an explosion is that you can die, as a rule, pleasantly; because only five of a hundred ever feel the fire; the rest—perhaps a couple of hundred of you—inhale carbon monoxide on your way out of the mine, which brings a smile to your lips; and dying is as easy as sleeping. You think you are going home, but will just take a little rest. You lie gently down in the dust, and that is all. All the pain is for the friends who find you dead.

It is quite different when the water breaks into the pit from some forgotten old working. You have a choice of deaths then, but it is not nearly so pleasant. You can either risk getting through the water and be drowned en route for the pit's eye, or run back to the higher workings and find a dry, dark little hole where the water cannot reach you. There the compressed air is sweet to breathe, and so cold that you escape dying of starvation, because before that point is reached you are frozen stiff in your high and dry safe place.

Besides, it is the easiest thing in the world to know what has happened when the roar of an explosion makes the pit shake. But the drawback of an inundation is that you have no idea that the mine is flooded until the water itself comes to tell you by rolling down your own road and knocking you and your buttery head first into the face of the coal you are cutting. It hardly gives you time to drop tools and run away. It is so strong that it will sometimes, as at Penygraig, shoot a solid block of coal four feet thick and six feet long, out of its well-made, compacted mesozoic bed.

Death by the Swirling Flood.

The flood rolls in and fills up the stall. It comes in with such a rush that, at first, everything floats and twists in it—shovels, mandrels, food-tins and drinking-tins, jackets and wristbands that were lying in the side—with big pieces of timber and even lumens of coal floating round. Sometimes you will see in it the body of a horse, or a friend who was coming to warn you.

Then for a moment you join your friend and the other wreckage, and the flood swirls you all round near the roof up against the timber.

It may be a black flood, as it may be a yellow; I have seen it as red as fire. In color it always takes after the minerals of the particular geological break that has cast it into you so unexpectedly.

In the other workings, the men and boys are running hard in all directions, so as to avoid any personal contact with the flood. They scramble through the "face"—that is right along the black

"ping-ping" that will never stop till it lets daylight into the darkness of the tomb. The strong man answers the signals. Six, eight, ten days and nights go by. They have no food but hope—which is not nourishing, but is good at sustaining. It keeps life going, and with the "ping-ping" outside the coal barrier—the strong man's work may not be wasted after all.

OUR LONDON LETTER

London, Dec. 7.—Considerable interest has been aroused in England over the position in America with reference to the Japanese question. Of course it is perfectly understood here that ex-Ambassador Aoki was called upon to resign by the Japanese government, and most of the leading journals agree that he was not sufficiently strong to cope with the difficulties arising from the situation at present. In a word the Ambassador at Washington, according to Japanese lights, should be of a more militant character, and more ready to push forward successfully the claims of the Japanese population in San Francisco and along the Pacific coast. The real reason why it is so interesting to people at home is that they anticipate the whole thing will have some bearing on Vancouver, as the question which is now affecting the Pacific slope in America must be in one way or another of interest in that part also. Politicians here think that the processional visit of the American fleet at present must have some bearing on the situation, and the final issue of the whole question is looked forward to with keen interest on this side of the Atlantic.

Royalty bids farewell. England has said farewell to some of the visiting royalties who have been here during the last month. This week saw the departure of the King and Queen of Spain and the infant Prince of Asturias. During the weeks they have remained in England they were greeted with enthusiasm wherever they went, and no doubt their stay in this country has gone far to further increase the friendly feeling between the two countries. Queen Victoria Eugenie is even more popular now than when she was Princess Ena, and her movements in London and the country were followed with much interest through the press.

"Real Live Emperor."

The Kaiser's stay at Bournemouth, where he has gone for a short rest, has done much to popularize him with English people, as he has dispensed with all the ceremony usually connected with a monarch and goes about the surrounding country quite incognito. The school children at Highcliffe have been entertained to tea by His Majesty and excitement ran high amongst the scholars at the prospect of being in the same room with a "real Emperor." Many little acts of kindness have been done by the Kaiser, who thus shows that "the man of iron" can relax and be sympathetic. One instance I heard of, a young man who was riding a bicycle in a narrow lane, and hearing some motor cars approach, he thought it advisable to descend from his machine. In doing so he slipped and fell to the ground, as the motors passed by. The foremost car was instantly stopped and two gentlemen alighted to assist the fallen cyclist, and assure themselves that he was none the worse for his little mishap. It transpired that they were aide-de-camps of the Kaiser; he had asked them to stop the car when he saw the man falling. Such little courteous acts by royalty are much appreciated.

Married in Crypt. This week a marriage took place in London which constituted a record in two respects, apart from its social importance. In the first place it was the first time in the history of England that a Lord Chancellor of England has been married—during his period of office; the second record was that no other wedding can be traced as having taken place in the crypt of the House of Parliament. I allude to the wedding of Lord Lornburn and Miss Violet Hickie Beach, which took place in St. Stephen's Chapel. The crypt is a low vaulted structure, and dates back to the 13th century, being a fine example of Gothic architecture. Twice it has narrowly escaped destruction, in 1834 from fire, and again about twenty years ago, when there was an explosion of dynamite on the steps leading to the crypt. It has had a curious history, and seen many vicissitudes, as it has been in turn a lumber room and coat cellar, after which it was used as an office by Lord Walpole, during the time he was Auditor of the Exchequer. Still later the House of Commons voted the Chapel to the Speaker, who used it as a state dining-room, part of the building being converted into a scullery. In the "Life of Coke, of Holkham," just published, an elaborate account is given of a Speaker's dinner given in the crypt.

Xmas Boxes as Bribes. Once more the question of Christmas boxes has been brought forward, and much apprehension prevails in business circles as to the new law relating to corrupt practices. There is a fear that the giving of Christmas boxes may be regarded as illegal and expose a good many people to serious pains and penalties. The reason of the uncertainty is that the Act is rather obscure in its meaning, and ordinary traders cannot readily understand whether the usual doles to servants can be given or not.

This difficulty can be got over, however, if the employer's permission is asked for the intended benevolence, and in most cases, this would always be granted. The chief object of the new law is to prevent the receipt of bribes by agents or buyers, who might thus be tempted to overlook the interests of those who pay them. A meeting was recently held by traders in London to discuss the question of Christmas boxes, and it is said last year most traders sustained very serious loss owing to the fact of the usual presents at

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the festive season being stopped, this applying especially to wine merchants.

Jewelled Neckwear.

For some years now the dog collar of pearls has been very much favored by women for evening wear, but now it is probable that it will be dethroned in favor of something else more simple, to wit, the black velvet neck band. This has been much in vogue in Paris for some months, but has just reached England. On the velvet is worn added and clasp of diamonds or other precious stones, set in gold, silver or platinum. Quite one of the newest of these ornaments consists of single sprays of lilies of the valley and foliage resting in thin oblong frames of platinum, quite round and smooth, like pins. These are very dainty and light looking, the flowers being carried out in pearls, and the leaves in diamonds. This ornament can be procured in various sizes to suit the width of the neck band, from half an inch to, even a couple of inches. The side supports necessary are made of delicate workmanship, to match the buckle and slides, and these are quite the newest form of present, most acceptable to any woman for the approaching festive season. Another innovation is the water-ribbon neck band which replaces the bead neck chain so long fashionable. A movable slide of diamonds enables the ribbon to be worn close round the collar band, after the manner of the single string of pearls in the style of the long neck chain.

Of course the changes can be rung on the design of slide used, according to the individual taste of the wearer. Whilst on the subject of throat ornaments I shall also mention neck fittings for day-wear. The lace jabot is not so much worn, and this is no doubt owing to the high waistcoat being worn. All that is required now, is a high and neat throat effect, just a little dainty ribbon or lace bow. A novelty is the velvet neckband with tiny steel beads, in pale colors, a kind of sailor's knot, attached to the velvet band which is also trimmed with steel beads for lace blouses.

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Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, excepting 8 and 24, not reserved for Indians, may be taken up by a person of age to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent.

Entry by proxy may, however, be made under certain conditions by the father, mother, or other member of the family, or of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office or at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant or, on receipt of the telegram such application has priority and the land will be held under the name of the persons to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" the entry will be entirely cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all rights.

An application for inspection must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application will be accepted from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing, and who has paid his taxes, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, or to one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to inspection or cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in writing particulars of the homestead entry, in fault, and the date of the entry. If the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land be resold.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the settler is a widow, if the father (or deceased) of a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such homesteader, the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon a farm owned by him, the claim of his wife to the land requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

PRINCIPLES OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rent of \$25 per acre, or for a longer period, not exceeding twenty-five years, if the lease is renewed.

MINERALS—One mineral claim may be leased to one individual or company.

WATER RIGHTS—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

LEASE FEES—Fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$100 has been expended on the claim, the locator may upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

ROYALTY—A payment of 10 per cent.

PLACER MINING—Claims generally are 10 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior, or for a shorter period, not exceeding fifteen years, if the lease is renewed.

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Armand Lavergne, M. P., spoke on immigration. He said in part: "Canada has been advertised the world over as a patent medicine, and the result has been that all the diseased are coming to us, diseased in body, diseased in mind, diseased in soul. They are flowing to Canada. Shall we succeed in making sound Canadians out of them? I fear not. When the United States received the proportion of immigrants we are now receiving there were 50,000,000 of people. We are now 7,000,000 and they are coming at a rate making assimilation impossible, and in 10 or 20 years from now it is a certainty that the Canadian people will be in the minority: the insignificant minority."

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NEW 7 ROOM HOUSE, Johnson street. \$1,000.

NEW 8 ROOM BUNGALOW, Alfred street. \$1,000.

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GOOD TERMS ON ALL.

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GENERAL PROSPERITY
OF PRAIRIE PROVINCE

Speech From Throne Outlines Important Measures to Come Before Legislature.

the Dominion government in respect to our swamp lands continues to be unsatisfactory and the province suffers great financial loss therefrom. It is earnestly desired that a better arrangement of the relations between my government and the Dominion government on this subject be brought about. The report of, and the evidence taken by the commissioners appointed to inquire into the cattle and meat industries in the province will be laid before you at an early date."

YEAR'S PRODUCTION
FROM THE MINES

Provincial Mineralogist Puts it at Over Twenty-five Million Dollars in Value.

The provincial mineralogist, in estimating the year's mineral production, puts it at \$25,728,983 in value, about \$1,000,000 more than last year, when it was put at \$24,986,546.

E. Jacobs, editor of the Mining Record, who is a very close student of the mining industry, places the production at about the same figure as the provincial mineralogist, but arrives at his total by slightly different figures in the various subdivisions.

The provincial mineralogist estimates the production on the following basis:

Placer gold \$700,000 Value.

Lode gold 4,125,246

Silver-2,940,190 oz. 4,825,246

Copper-38,382,364 lbs. 7,678,653

Lead-45,309,699 lbs. 2,318,864

Total metalliferous mines \$17,878,878

Coal-1,956,600 tons \$6,498,739

Coke-27,699 tons 1,362,448

Building materials, etc. 1,200,000

Grand total \$25,728,983

Mr. Jacobs is inclined to estimate the gold production as rather higher than this. The lead production on the other hand, based on the figures of G. O. Buchanan, the lead commissioner, which appeared in the Times some time ago, he puts at \$25,000,000 pounds instead of 48,000,000 as the provincial mineralogist estimates. Mr. Jacobs also estimates a little lower value in coal and coke owing to the fact that Crow's Nest Pale coal and coke is sold at a lower figure than it is on the coast.

BANK CLEARINGS.

City's Business During Past Year Showed Decided Increase Over 1906.

Estimated probable revenue in 1908 \$157,000

General maintenance and operation \$16,000

Interest and sinking fund charges on present debt 15,000

Interest and sinking fund charges on new works (6 year bonds per cent) 7,300

Depreciation in excess of provision for bond redemption 15,700

Small extensions and betterments 10,000

Probable deficit without increasing water rates \$55,100

the metering of all services in a very few years, viz.:

(a) As contrasted with Millstream. 47

(b) As contrasted with Sooke Lake. 22

(c) As contrasted with Goldstream, including nothing in payment for water or property of the Esquimalt Water Co. 17.0

As to the length of time for which each of these sources would suffice to supply the demand; however rapid may be the growth of Victoria, it is scarcely conceivable that the population will double in the short periods above indicated, while if history repeats itself, as has been pointed out, it may not double in size in less than 21 to 25 years.

Without enumerating other disadvantages of a city incurring debt for a water supply unnecessarily far in advance of its needs, the above figures make indisputably clear the wisdom of continuing Elk Lake as the source, and taking such steps as future opportunity may offer for the acquisition of other sources from which a supply can be drawn, when Elk Lake shall have become no longer sufficient for the city's needs. The choice of other sources is entirely a matter of cost. If the use of Goldstream can be secured by acquisition of property of the Esquimalt Water Company at a reasonable price, it presents advantages as to capacity and moderate distance, and cost of development, while the revenue derived from the sale of power would, in whole or in part (depending on price paid) render the investment self-supporting during the interval elapsing before it is really needed for municipal water supply purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR L. ADAMS.

December 23rd, 1907.

GLASS WORKS RE-OPEN.

Pittsburg Company Closed During Financial Panic Has Resumed Operations.

Ford City, Pa., Jan. 2.—After being shut down for repairs No. 4 works of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company has resumed operations. It will run both day and night turns.

The department employs from 1,200

to 1,500 men. Owing to the shortage of finished stock on hand it will take at least three months to fill orders.

No. 5 works, employing 1,200 men, will also resume within a few days.

LOWER KEY FOR CANADIANS.

The new Anglican hymnal for Canada has brought a world-famous title. Archdeacon Fortin announces that Canadians were originally unable to sing the hymns of the English hymnal, owing to the climatic conditions. Hymns in the new book have, in consequence, been set in a lower key.

CALLED THE "MOUNTAIN BEAR."

Abbe Gorret, who climbed every im-

portant peak in the Alps, and was the first to ascend the Matterhorn from the Italian side, has died at the age of 72. He was well acquainted with the late King Humbert, who called him "The Mountain Bear."

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QUALITY SHOULD BE THE KEYNOTE when buying blankets. If you are not absolutely certain of the quality of those offered it is doubly important that you should exercise care. There are many "shoddy" blankets offered as "all wool." Prices look extraordinarily low for such good-looking blankets. But wait until they strike the water. Quite often it is difficult to find enough to "go round." Doesn't it seem wise policy to buy from a reliable house that will guarantee their quality? Every blanket we sell has this firm's guarantee of quality behind it. That is sufficient for those who know us. The values we offer are the best possible, made possible only through the fortunate early purchase of a big lot. Better investigate our blanket stock.

Fine Grey Blankets

These are especially fine values. An unusually soft and warm blanket that you'll like. Liberal sizes and full weights.

Size 56 in. x 76 in., 6-lb. Per pair. **\$3.00**

Size 58 in. x 78 in., 7-lb. Per pair. **\$3.50**

Size 62 in. x 82 in., 8-lb. Per pair. **\$4.00**

Silver Grey Blankets

This is a fine fleecy warmth producing blanket, made from best quality wool. The best grey blanket obtainable. See these:

Size 60 in. x 80 in., 6-lb. Per pair. **\$4.50**

Size 62 in. x 82 in., 7-lb. Per pair. **\$5.25**

Size 64 in. x 84 in., 8-lb. Per pair. **\$6.00**

Milford Blankets

A soft and comfortable all-wool blanket. Ends finished with silk binding.

Size 72 in. x 90 in., 9-lb. **\$12.00**

FAMOUS AYRSHIRE BLANKETS

This far-famed blanket has indeed many points of special merit. A specially long wool is used in the making. The weave is very close and firm. This blanket has been long and favorably known for its wear resisting qualities. These blankets will stand years of hardest use.

Size 75 x 90 inches, 8 lbs., per pair, **\$8.00** Size 76 x 94 inches, 8½ lbs., per pair **\$8.50**

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Size 70 in. x 76 in., per pair. **\$1.50**

Size 30 in. x 40 in., per pair. **70c**

Superior White Blankets

These all-wool blankets have a very long fleece, and are excellent sorts. Judging from the big sales of this style the price must be correct.

Size 60 in. x 80 in., 6-lb. Per pair. **\$5.75**

Size 64 in. x 82 in., 7-lb. Per pair. **\$6.75**

Size 68 in. x 86 in., 8-lb. Per pair. **\$7.50**

Scotch Cheviot Blankets

Here is a wear-resisting blanket worthy of your attention. The